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# College Heights Herald

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## Rejuvenated Omegas seeking another chance

By STACY EZELL

Omega Psi Phi fraternity members feel they should be allowed to recolonize on campus. But administrators said they don't believe Western's black population is large enough to support another black fraternity.

Omega Psi Phi went inactive two years ago when membership dropped to two.

"At the time, that was a wise decision," said Tiny Copeland,

the organization's president. "Black enrollment at Western was decreasing, and it didn't seem that more than two black fraternities could be supported on campus."

Today, four of Western's 22 Greek organizations are black: Kappa Alpha Psi and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternities and Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta sororities make up 53 of about 1,230 Greek members.

As of November 1988, black

enrollment at Western was 5.8 percent or 824 students of more than 14,000 students.

Although the Omegas were not recognized on campus, they were still able to recruit four new members by pledging them through their Bowling Green graduate chapter.

The six active members in the fraternity now feel they deserve to be recognized as a campus organization again.

Interfraternity Council rules

require that a group have five members to be recognized, according to Eric Raby, IFC president.

"We qualify," Copeland said. "All we want is another chance."

A group of students representing United Black Greeks met with Howard Bailey, dean of Student Life, and submitted a recommendation that the fraternity be allowed to return. Bailey said that there was a procedure to be followed as well as many concerns

to be considered.

Scott Taylor, director of student activities and organizations, said the first step for the Omegas' recolonization would be for the national representatives of the fraternity to discuss the situation with Western administrators.

Other factors to consider, Bailey said, would be whether there was interest in pledging and whether those wanting to pledge

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## Students to practice science of a new gene

By LAURA HOWARD

Upon hearing the name of their major, it would be easy to imagine that four Western students were studying to become mad scientists.

"It's not like that at all," said Tim Shannon, a Louisville senior. "We aren't trying to play God." Shannon, Melissa Wrenn, Becky Berdine and Tina Hoffman are majoring in recombinant genetics, a recently acquired offshoot of the biology department that involves cloning DNA, which houses genetic characteristics.

Western's undergraduate program — one of six in the country — is so new that only one person has graduated from it and about four more are expected to this year.

Some people in the biology department have resisted the new program, said Wrenn, a Bowling Green senior. Others, mainly students, are not aware it exists.

To help people understand what recombinant genetics is, majors have formed a club of



COMING CLEAN — Physical plant worker Tommy Price cleans the statue of Henry Hardin Cherry in front of Cherry Hall Tuesday.

Price said the statue is not cleaned on a regular basis, "just whenever someone throws something on it."

Photo by: Steve Smart

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## Bunch finds different 'Police Story' at Western

By TOM HERNES

While watching an episode of Police Story in 1975, Paul Bunch became misty-eyed.

The 1970's NBC television program portrayed realistic police action on the streets. Bunch, working then as assistant director of the new Public Safety department at Western, missed working on the streets.

Earlier in his career, he had worked for six years as a police officer in Champaign, Ill.

It had taken some time to become accustomed to his new role.

"It was a major adjustment from municipal

police to campus police," Bunch said. "Both are service-oriented, but campus duties are more service-oriented and extremely professional."

His baptism into police duty was a smoother and quicker transition.

Bunch graduated from the University of Illinois in 1974 with a degree in criminal justice. While in college, he also worked full time for the Champaign police department.

During Bunch's time there, rioting and demonstrations were happening on college campuses, and Illinois was no exception.

He said it was a difficult period for the police.

"It got so bad at one point we had to call in the national guard and declare a curfew,"

Bunch said. "On the first night of the curfew, 147 people were arrested."

Bunch said he likes his job here and has no plans to leave.

"The job is very challenging, and I find satisfaction in trying to get the job done," Bunch said. "For example, catching the car thief on campus now is a big priority."

After four years as assistant director of Public Safety, Bunch was named public safety director in 1979, replacing Markus Wallace.

Working for Western happened by chance for Bunch.

After being named 1973 "Outstanding Young Law Officer" of the year by the Champaign Jaycees, someone in the com-

munity sent a clip to the Park City Daily News, Bowling Green's newspaper.

After the story ran, then Western president Dero Downing contacted Bunch about being the assistant director of Public Safety, and Bunch accepted.

"When the university considered changing from a security and safety department to a public safety department that provided professional police services, I took the job," he said.

For Bunch, it was a homecoming. When he was 11 years old, he moved from his hometown of Alvaton, outside of Bowling Green, into the city. He graduated

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# Better late . . . Cold winds will stay awhile

Herald staff report

Winter came about a month late, but now it's going to stay a while, said Glen Conner, Kentucky's climatologist and an assistant professor of geography and geology.

The cold weather that entered the area during the weekend will stay. "We're going to have below normal temperatures for the foreseeable future," Conner said.

Snow flurries are forecast for today with temperatures not getting over 40. Conner said. Lows throughout the week are predicted to remain in the teens.

Weekend frozen rain and sleet coated streets in the area. Campus drivers avoided pitfalls for the most part, but at least one accident was blamed on icy conditions.

A car driven by Renee Gattie, a Louisville sophomore, hit a patch of ice on 17th Street and slid into a parked campus police car that had its flashing blue lights on.

## Program gives 'A Day on Campus'

By ANGELA GARRETT

Fourth through ninth graders are going to college by the route in Kentucky and West Virginia thanks to a program from The Ashland Oil Inc. and partnership through the state Council on Higher Education.

The "A Day On Campus" program is in its pilot year during the "88-89 school year," said Harry T. Wiley, director of advertising and communications for Ashland Oil.

More than 1,000 students visited college campuses in the two states last year. "Based on its success, we expanded the date range to this year," Wiley said.

During the fall semester alone, 1,000 students visited campuses during this academic year.

The program allows students to spend a day on a college campus, if they can get financial support from a local business.

"It's a matching funds system," Wiley said. "Ashland Oil will pay half of the cost of transportation, and the bus driver if a local business will also pay half."

Wiley added that Ashland Oil will pay up to \$100 per trip, but they get less than half of that if a bus is needed.

Local businesses would like to be part of education, he said, "but when a school asks for \$1,000 it's out of their financial range."

"We're going to have below-normal temperatures for the foreseeable future."

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Glen Conner

Lt. Richard Kirby at Public Safety quipped that the collision was "a blue light special."

The Physical Plant's superintendent of landscaping said he didn't know how the frigid burst would affect blooming trees and shrubbery that had become confused during the spring-like days of January.

Claude Threlkeld said early yesterday afternoon that he hadn't checked, but that cold spells like this one normally "knock the blooms off" the green-

ery.

Threlkeld said he would have to see how long the cold spell lasts before damage can be assessed.

A staff nurse at Health Services said the weather hasn't created any extra workload for the staff there yet.

"We haven't seen any unusual cold-related problems," Bessie Whitfield said. "There have been a lot of cases of the flu, but that's not necessarily because of the cold."

Reports of frozen precipitation in other parts of the region prompted many weekend suitcases to beware.

Sarah Nagy, West Hall director, said students "who usually go home left a little earlier" Friday afternoon.

And Brian Kuster, director of Pease Ford Tower, said several resident assistants stayed because of threatening weather reports.

But if students want to go home, Kuster said, "they go home."

"A day on campus for some groups costs as little as \$60, and Ashland pays half of that," he said. "It improves relations between community businesses and schools."

Businesses aren't the only ones who benefit from this program, however. The main beneficiaries are the students.

"The Council on Higher Education acts as a go-between for the program," said Linda Viergutz, Western's coordinator for the program.

"Teachers or schools interested in participating should contact the CHE. They schedule a date and let me know," Viergutz said. "I then call the school and see what they want to do during the visit to campus."

Each group has a different priority, and Viergutz, a Louisville graduate student, tries to work with it.

"Some groups want to visit the planetarium; others would rather go to the museum," she said.

A typical day consists of a discussion in the Regents' Room in the Wetherby Administration Building during which the students can ask any questions they might have about the school or about college in general.

Western students also talk to the visitors about what a typical college day is like.

"We try to take them through a residence hall, let them talk to President Thomas, Merdith visit the bookstore and FTV educational television," Viergutz said. "Whatever's open."

"We take them to Niteclass for lunch," she added. "Then we get a DJ to play some music and let them dance."

"We try to show them that college is hard work, but that it's also a lot of fun," Viergutz said. "It's important to start early to emphasize how important college is."

Wiley expressed the same idea. "It enforces college for those who see it in their futures and makes it seem possible for those who never dreamed of going to college," he said.

Last semester, nine groups with about 100 students between the fourth and eighth grades visited Western's campus as part of the program.

There are no definite visits planned so far this semester, but Viergutz said several groups have expressed interest. She is awaiting confirmation from the CHE.

For students, "it's the most positive thing they can experience," she said. "They can see people that are like them going to college and they realize they can get a college education, too."

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### Arrests

■ Kevin Phelps, Olaton, was arrested in Central Hall Thursday and charged with disorderly conduct, alcohol intoxication, possession of alcoholic beverages by a minor and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was lodged in Warren County Jail.

■ Dame Himes, Hartford, was arrested in Central Hall Thursday and charged with possession of alcohol by a minor. He was lodged in Warren County Jail.

■ Scott Mitchell, Murfreesboro, Tenn., was arrested Saturday at Nashville Road and Oaklawn Drive and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. He was lodged in Warren County Jail.

■ Richard Elder, Morgantown, was arrested in Poland Hall Saturday and charged with disorderly conduct. Elder was lodged in Warren County Jail.

■ Brenda Lewis, Russellville, was arrested on University Boulevard Sunday and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol. Lewis was lodged in Warren County Jail.

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# Opinion

## Obey IFC rule; revive Omegas

**O**mega Psi Phi fraternity wants to be brought back to life.

The black fraternity went inactive two years ago when membership dropped to two. Since then, four new members have been recruited through the fraternity's local graduate chapter.

### EDITORIAL

Now they are asking to be recognized on campus.

But some administrators say Western's black population may be too small to support another black fraternity.

Two fraternities — Kappa Alpha Psi and Alpha Phi Alpha — exist now. Blacks made up 5.8 percent of Western's 14,121 students in 1988.

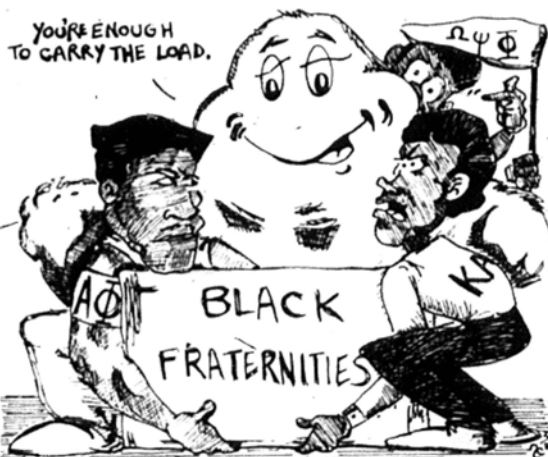
That point is well taken, and debatable.

But for now, allowing the Omegas to regroup and be officially recognized isn't really a question. Western Interfraternity Council rules state that to be recognized a fraternity must have at least five members.

The Omegas have failed that requirement. And they've lost support from others involved in the black Greek system.

Spencer, president of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, says he supports the Omegas' request.

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"Everyone needs a choice," Spencer said. "Everyone can't be a Kappa or an Alpha, it just depends on personality."

So the administration's course of action seems clear: it should welcome the Omegas back into Western's Greek system as an active, motivated chapter.

While some may argue that another black fraternity could put a strain on the system, there are also practical benefits to be considered.

Another fraternity could attract

more black students to campus by adding another avenue for social opportunity. It would also add more choice within the black Greek system.

The concerns of the administration, and what they fear may be "a quick fix solution," shouldn't be dropped. But as long as the five-member rule exists on the IFC books, the university should abide by it.

Revive the Omegas now, revise IFC rules later.

## Act would lay down house rules

**S**upporters of the Uniform Residential Landlord Act want to lay down some house rules.

URLTA supporters have been working since the end of last year to get the act — which would introduce legal controls into renting and leasing — on the city commission agenda. URLTA was left off the agenda in December because of lack of information.

### EDITORIAL

Those pushing the act say it may be rehearsed during council elections this May.

But if proponents don't keep the issue fresh before the commission members and the public, what appears to be a good thing may slip by unnoticed.

The act has already incurred opposition from landlords, who say it would lead to overregulation of business. They also claim the act would be too one-sided — in favor of the tenant.

But landlords and tenants — who have few guidelines regulating them now — have little to lose from an act that would set down clear rules protecting both.

It would require both parties to sign a lease defining landlord and tenant responsibilities.

That would mean that a tenant couldn't be kicked out without reason. And a landlord wouldn't be left empty-handed if a tenant moved out before the lease expired.

Landlords now must provide 30 days' notice of eviction, to tenants who haven't paid their rent. Under URLTA, only seven days' notice would be required. And that would allow landlords to rid themselves of renters who were delinquent in paying.

The act would also specify what security deposits can be used for. It would keep a tenant's deposit from being used to fix already existing damages, or for unfair cleaning charges.

In a city largely populated by college students, who change apartments almost as often as they change clothes, further clarification of a vague issue can only help.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Men at work?

It's many Western maintenance men who take to change a light bulb. It's not that here's the punching anyway. While in the library one afternoon I observed a spectacle quite exemplary of Western's allegation of funds and personnel. Much to my dismay, I viewed three physical plant technicians hard at work replacing a fluorescent light tube. Actually only one of the men was replacing. One of his assistants was reading a periodical, enhancing his mechanical expertise. I'm sure, while his colleague listened attentively to some pertinent information on his Walkman.

Everyday, however, I see tasks that have yet to be attended to. For instance, there was approximately a two-week lapse between the day I requested that my window latch be repaired and the day that action took place. Maybe the administration should convert a portion of our seemingly overstaffed maintenance corps

to security officers. Western's Fine Art seems to be bagged down with parking violations and haven't enough manpower left to devote to preventing the vandalism and theft that occurs practically every night on this campus.

Jeff Quire  
Finchville sophomore

### Article vague

I was disturbed by an article that appeared in the College Heights Herald Thursday, Jan. 12, titled "Local man recalls activist days." The focus and purpose of this piece seemed to be vague. Was the man interviewed because, like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he fought segregation? Was the man interviewed because he marched with Dr. King, and thinks blacks should "find another leader, King's gone?" Was the article an attempt to include a piece somewhat relevant to the King holiday in a paper that, excluding this article, would have remembered

the man during the first week of school only in a brief editorial published the same day on the facing page?

What is the purpose of the article? The activist struggles to integrate in Bowling Green, his feelings about Dr. King and Medgar Evers, and his belief that racial equality will not be a reality until the second coming of Christ are interesting points, but they are not directed by a clearly understood focus and purpose.

This article could have been balanced by an article or articles discussing, for example, student, faculty and staff feelings about Dr. King, and reactions to Western's closing. If the article is an attempt to recall the spirit of the King era, then why not also print an article, or two, that gives more positive and varied opinions of this brilliant American? The Herald cannot offer one person's thoughts about Dr. King's legacy without realizing that some readers will find comments repugnant.

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## MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lastly, one article vaguely associated with Dr. King during the celebration of his life is not enough Dr. King's contributions to this country and to the world are too important to be referred to in passing. And if he were not the motivation for this article, an article or articles that were clearly related to Dr. King should have been included in Western's nationally acclaimed newspaper.

**Dr. Lou-Ann Crouther**

Assistant professor of English

### Too negative

It's amazing how negative one person can get! I just finished reading Julius Key's commentary ("No action, no fans, no fans, no ticket sales"), and I realized that some people cannot be satisfied.

Western played its best game to date against Virginia Commonwealth, and they should be praised, yet they should be underneath Diddle Arena. For instance, Mike Wilson played the college game of his career, and you mention him once. Anthony Smith and Steve Miller shut down the two towers of VCU with their rebounding ability. Let's not forget Brett McNeal and Durey Caldwell who played excellent basketball also. I could go on, but I won't.

Lack of action isn't the reason why Western students won't attend the games. We, as students, don't support anything. Katelyn is empty on the weekends. University Center board forget students to attend these events, and when it comes time to vote for anything, we don't go. Just last year, our Associated Student Government president won with less than 300 votes in the primaries. We have about 5,000 students living on campus and can't get 50 percent of them to vote. The problem doesn't lie with the

basketball team.

Yes, Mr. Key, Western doesn't support its teams, but will a "human highlight film" do the trick? Western isn't the caliber of Illinois, Georgia Tech or Syracuse. If you want to see that type of action, I suggest you go to the Carrier Dome and get it. In the meantime, I'll get behind Brett, Anthony and the boys to support them for the rest of the season. I hope the rest of the campus does the same for all of our teams and other events.

**George T. Thompson**

Mt. Sterling sophomore

### 'Cheap shot'

This letter is written in response to Eric Woehler's commentary in the "Diversions" section of the Feb. 2 issue of the College Heights Herald. I would particularly like to address the uneducated remarks about WDNS (D-98) FM.

I couldn't believe my eyes when I read that Bowling Green's only real rock and roll station, WDNS D-98, was a head bangers' station. If Mr. Woehler had spent his time listening to D-98 instead of taking a cheap shot he might be singing a different tune.

As I write this letter, D-98 has just played these four artists back to back: The Rolling Stones (classic rock), Eric Johnson (jazz fusion), Lou Reed (the father of the underground music scene) and Suzanne Vega (folk music). These artists are hardly head bangers, and I am inclined to believe that the majority of Western students would rather hear Guns and Roses instead of something from the "Footloose" soundtrack.

If Mel Torme is your cup of tea, maybe you should stay away from D-98. But if you want real rock and roll, 24 hours a day, give D-98 a listen. You will not be expected

to bang your head.

**Bruce Vincent**

Bowling Green sophomore

### Tip to dippers

This letter is to the fellow Western dippers out there from concerned elevator riders. I am a dipper myself, so I know that the needs and urges for tobacco can come at anytime. But anybody can wait until they get out of the elevator to "spit" except for uncontrollable idiots. The walls of the elevator are always lined with discolored saliva streaks. This itself is a reason to ban tobacco snuff. Thank God this is a free country. So, if "us" dippers can teach ourselves to control the urges for a better time, then the "vapor of death" can be a clean one.

**Ricky Fowler**

Louisville freshman

### Football vital

In regard to the letter to the editor written by MB Lucas, "Drop Football," we have the following comments:

Western football is vital to the morale of our students, just as basketball, baseball, soccer and the many other university-affiliated activities are vital. These activities allow students to gather together and rally for a winning team, and a winning team is exactly what we have here.

The resignation of Coach Roberts in no way signaled that our football program should be brought to an end. Granted, we are at a temporary disadvantage without a head coach, but the coaches still on staff have maintained a normal spring schedule for the football players. After all, if the head of the history department left, would you stop teaching classes?

**Martie McPeak**

Bowling Green junior

**Caitlyn Karp**

junior from Franklin, Tenn.

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**ICEBREAKER** — On her way to pick up a friend who had an accident on slick roads the night before, Diana, the Senior Paula Johnson clears ice from her windshield Sunday afternoon in the effort to get to safety. Runner Hall.

## Winter brings health hazards

By JIM GAINES

Now that summer is over, the Panama Park commercials have started, and public service announcements about the dangers of skin cancer have disappeared.

But for those who were ready to make a dash for the great outdoors, winter months can be equally hazardous.

Two months people face more immediate dangers: frostbite and hypothermia.

Both are caused by prolonged exposure to cold weather. Frostbite is a lowering of the body's surface temperature, and hypothermia is a reduction of the overall body temperature.

Frostbite is more common and affects arms and legs. The fluid between cells actually freezes, said John Cummins, a registered nurse at HCA Greenview Hospital.

Frostbite symptoms can include pain, reddening of the

skin, and in severe cases, a bluish cast to the skin, Cummins said.

Frostbite is treated by a gradual warming of the skin. But using very hot water, a heating pad, or a hot water bottle is not even felt, said Beth Whitfield, head nurse at the Student Health Service.

Rubbing the skin could seriously damage the frozen capillaries, which become fragile. "As your body gets colder, your capillaries dilate to bring more blood to the surface," Whitfield said.

Frostbite can be very serious and result in amputation if not treated quickly, Whitfield said.

Hypothermia is more dangerous, affecting the entire body. Its symptoms include sleepiness, slurred speech and confusion.

It can cause death if untreated. "The whole body just essentially shuts down and will shut down permanently if it's not treated," Cummins said.

It is also treated by rewarming the body gradually. Hot water bottles can be applied under the

arms and in the groin area, and the victim should be covered with blankets, Cummins said.

These winter hazards are all right to drink, but not hot drinks, and temperatures extreme can be much shock for the body, Whitfield said.

Other things can contribute to hypothermia, such as wet clothing and alcohol consumption, Whitfield said.

Prevention is the best treatment for both conditions. If avoiding cold weather is impossible, the next best thing is dressing for it.

Wearing layered clothing that can be added or removed a piece at a time works well, Whitfield said. A blanket should be kept in a car trunk in case people get stranded.

Hats help because "a lot of heat goes out through your head," Whitfield said.

Medical attention is needed if either frostbite or hypothermia develops.

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## Students in new major aren't 'mad scientists'

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About 30 members called the Association of Undergraduate Geneticists (AUG) open to anyone interested in genetics.

"The purpose of the club is to meet more majors and help people understand what we do," said Wrenn, the club's vice president. By educating people, they hope to dispel the "mad scientist" image.

The recombinant genetics major originated in 1985 when Dr. Val Dunham, biology department head, came to Western. Dunham had started another recombinant genetics program at the State University of New York at Fredonia.

When a specimen's DNA is cloned, its genetic characteristics are duplicated. Scientists can then study the replicate and project the behavior and properties of viruses and different diseases of organisms.

By studying the cloned DNA of viruses, particularly Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (the AIDS virus), scientists can develop antibodies that might be effective in killing them. Now, a virus can't be "fought," Shannon said.

Cloning is also being explored as a means to produce human insulin for diabetics. Insulin, a protein hormone that helps the body use sugar and other carbohydrates, comes from sheep.

And it takes thousands of sheep to supply one diabetic with insulin for a month, Wrenn said.

New products can also be developed from ones society may use now, such as the artificial sweetener, Nutra Sweet.

Recombinant genetics is also used in agricultural research.

By duplicating and cloning plant DNA, new varieties that carry specific qualities, such as drought or disease resistance, can

be developed, said Hoffman, a Bowling Green senior and the club's historian.

Students in recombinant genetics are biology majors who specialize in genetic engineering.

"There are a lot of people who don't realize we are biology majors," said Berdine, a Somerset sophomore and the club's secretary-treasurer. "We are just like the rest. You have botany majors, zoology majors. All of them are biology majors, so are we."

Although they said they plan to attend graduate school, Shannon, Wrenn, Berdine and Hoffman have different goals.

■ Wrenn said she plans to focus on large animal research, mainly in horses, which have always interested her.

■ Shannon, who said he has always been fascinated by genetics, said he plans to concentrate on viruses and diseases.

■ Hoffman said she plans to go into plant research and try to develop improved strains of plants that will require fewer chemicals to grow, indirectly improving the condition of the environment and increasing food production.

■ Berdine said she wants to study human diseases and the development of viral antibiotics. One of her main goals is to find a cure for AIDS, which weakens the body's immune system.

The group hopes to form a nationwide club and a program to educate people about the possibilities of genetic engineering.

Eventually, the recombinant genetics program will expand to the graduate level, Dunham said.

Four faculty members teach such classes now, but Dunham said the program will grow with interest, and faculty will be added.

## Black fraternity seeks another chance

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were eligible as far as grade-point average qualifications were concerned.

Omega Psi Phi requires a 2.5 GPA of members — a higher GPA than the two active campus black fraternities.

Bailey said that another factor would involve whether those meeting all requirements would be involved in sports. Because, "some athletic coaches discourage participation in other extracurricular activities."

"Given all these factors, I just don't feel that the campus could support a third black fraternity,"

Bailey said.

However, Omega members feel that these factors don't pose a serious problem in recruiting members.

"We have 10 people who want to pledge right now, and they meet all the requirements," Copeland said. "I just don't see the logic in their (school administrators') arguments against recolonization."

Stacy Spencer, president of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, said he supports the recolonization of Omega Psi Phi. "I don't see their recolonization as a threat," he said. "Everyone needs a choice. Everyone can't be a Kappa or an

Alpha, it just depends on personality."

Spence also said he doesn't believe the black population is an issue. "The number of people isn't the matter. It's the quality of those people that do choose to pledge. The interest is there, and we (Kappas) will keep pulling guys in no matter who's here."

Bailey said the recolonization is "a complicated issue that needs to be dealt with."

"I sympathize with them (the Omegas)," Bailey said. "But very few white campuses that I'm familiar with could sustain all major black fraternities. The strong will survive."

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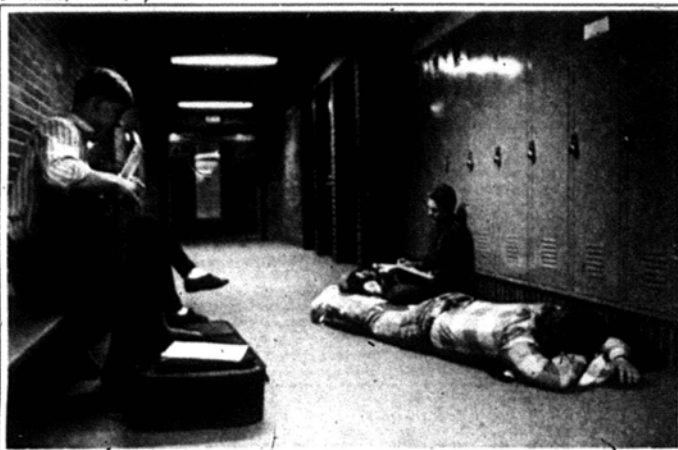
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**EASY LISTENING**—While Nashville senior Andrew Winner practices exercises on his guitar, Green freshman Mike Walker relaxes on the floor in the fine arts center yesterday.

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## Folktales give students control

By STACY HALL

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doesn't imply judgment on any person's part," Collins said. Beliefs give students answers to questions they are uncertain about.

There is an element of truth to folk beliefs. "But who is to say what element that is," she said. "It depends on the circumstances."

How long students have to wait for a teacher is another folk belief. "It's how we rank," Collins said. "We're into hierarchies. We wait longer for the teachers with the higher ranking."

"Usually, we wait 10 minutes for a professor and 15 for a doctor," said Cathrine Grigsby, a Cerulean junior.

Some folk beliefs become rituals, such as students not going to class without wearing socks, said Dr. Lynwood Montell, a faculty professor. Others will sit in the same seat over wear-and-tear.

"These beliefs and practices allow students to exercise symbolic control over that which they otherwise have no control," he said.

Some students will intention

ally wear grubby clothes to final exams, Montell said. "It seems to signify the end of a journey as far as school goes."

Luis Llontop doesn't care how he looks during finals week. "I don't really take care of myself," said the senior from Lima, Peru. "I do have the time to clean and do things to myself, but that is not my main concern then."

School monuments are also subject to folk beliefs. The bust of Ivan Watson in the fine arts center has a shiny nose because students rub it for good luck. The statue of Henry Hatkin Cherry supposedly bleeds whenever a virgin graduates.

Montell said another folk belief found on many campuses is if a student buys a blue book for an exam, it must be used for that exam. "Supposedly the student won't do well if it is used for another test."

Connie Collingsworth, a Dixon sophomore, disagreed. "I got an A on a test with a blue book I bought for a different class." But she got a B on the test she originally bought it for.

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# Dorms get up-close insight into drug use

By TRAVIS GREEN

Pearce-Ford Tower and a few other dorms on campus experienced a strange twist last night. Instead of having drugs taken out of the buildings, they were brought in.

Horace Johnson, assistant director of public safety, and Lt. Jerry Phelps brought cocaine, LSD, marijuana and other drugs into the dorms as part of National Collegiate Drug Awareness Week.

Johnson's whole display held a common denominator that many on campus may not realize.

"Almost everything we brought tonight has been found on campus," Johnson said.

Johnson also described strange ways of hiding drugs.

"We have had people hide it in shoes, in horse manure and in traps."

Although drug use nationwide is up, the numbers of drug-related offenses on campus are declining, Johnson said.

The number of drug-related offenses is going down steadily, and this year promises to be no different.

"We are down so far this school year compared to the numbers for last year," he said, "but there is still drug use on campus."

The drugs that are the biggest problems on campus are marijuana and cocaine, Johnson said.

"Twenty-five percent of all marijuana grown is raised in Kentucky," he said. "So it is easy to have access to it."

The problem of drugs on campus won't end without some help, he said.

"Drug activity is present," Johnson said, "and we know it is here."

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During a drug awareness program last night, residents of Pearce-Ford Tower examine drugs that have been saved from arrests over the years.

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## ELSEWHERE

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### Wesleyan to be more selective, president hopes

The president of Kentucky Wesleyan College said the Owensboro school would be seeking a kind of freshman class in the fall.

Paul Reisman wants to be more selective, he says. He said he wants to raise admissions standards.

In the fall, entering Kentucky Wesleyan freshmen averaged an ACT score of 22 and a grade-point average of 3.04, the article said.

### Three Kentucky colleges boast record enrollments

Spring enrollment hit all-time highs at three Eastern Kentucky colleges. The Courier-Journal reported yesterday.

The 1,362 students enrolled at Belmont Community College in Cumberland, marking a log of 40 percent since spring 1987.

Enrollment at Morehead State is 1,041, up 12 percent over last spring.

At Ashland Community College, enrollment has climbed 20 percent.

### New president at Kentucky State may not be black

The board of regents at Kentucky State University would not allow a white man to be the next president, the university's board of regents said yesterday.

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# Sports

## Road trip final one of season

By DOUG TATUM

Western takes its five-game winning streak and 13-7 record to Murfreesboro, Tenn., the home of Middle Tennessee, for tonight's game against the Lady Raiders.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

The 7 p.m. contest against the defending Ohio Valley Conference champions will be Western's last road game of the season. The Lady Toppers finish with six home games before playing host to the Sun Belt Tournament and NCAA Mid-east Regionals.

"Middle is going to be tough," Coach Paul Sanderford said.

The game is in Hale Arena, where the Lady Raiders, 15-4, have only lost twice this season — 68-66 to Kentucky and 84-65 to Eastern Kentucky.

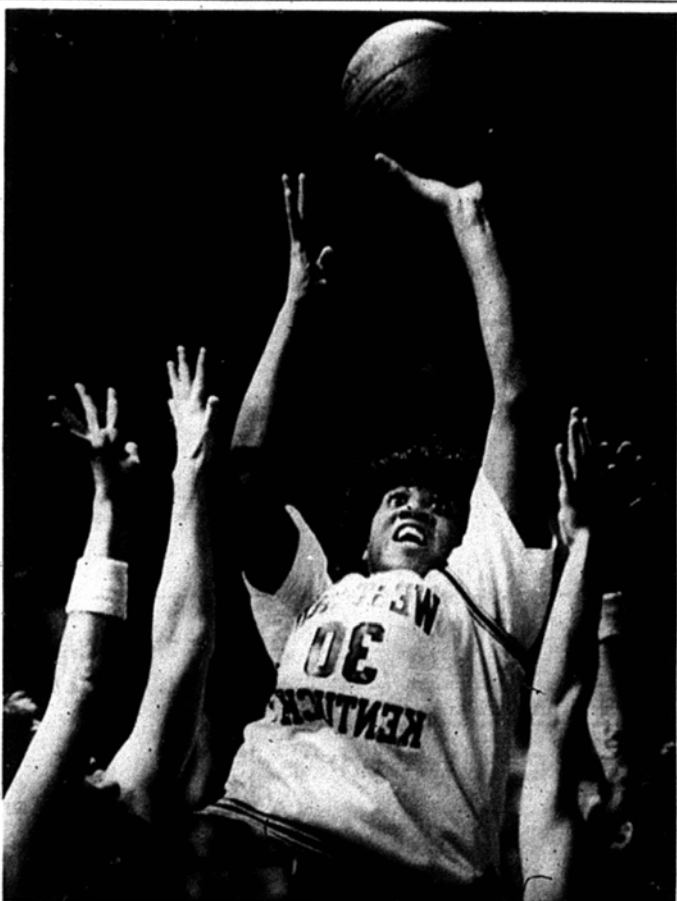
Any enemy territory has been tough for the Lady Toppers this season. Western was 1-7 on the road before winning its last three games away from Diddle Arena, including a tough 55-53 win at Dayton Thursday.

Sanderford said tonight's game could be even harder for his players because they might be thinking ahead to Thursday's game against Sun Belt Conference leader South Alabama.

Western is 4-1 in the conference and a win over the 4-0 Lady Jaguars would tie them for first.

"I kind of wish we could put it off until the end of the season," Sanderford said. "But I think we

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Andy Lyons/Herald

Amidst the raised hands of Alabama-Birmingham players, junior Michelle Clark shoots during the first half of play. Clark had 10 points and 11 rebounds. Western won, 79-47.

## Harbaugh expects to sign 10

Herald staff report

Western's coaches expect to sign 10 high school players to national letters of intent tomorrow, Coach Jack Harbaugh said.

### FOOTBALL

Tomorrow is the first day that colleges can sign football recruits.

It was reported earlier that Western had 18 oral commitments from recruits. But included in that number were 19 students who were already on campus. They were either Proposition 48 casualties or transfers, Harbaugh said.

Of the 10 players expected to sign, four are from Kentucky and one is from Tennessee. The players' names cannot be released until tomorrow because of NCAA rules.

Harbaugh, who was hired Feb. 1, said he was pleased with the job his assistants have done in evaluating and recruiting the signees.

"The philosophy here has been to recruit the best athletes that are available," Harbaugh said.

Western needs a place kicker, a couple of cornerbacks, defensive tackles and a fullback, Harbaugh said.

After tomorrow's signings the Hilltoppers will have five scholarships left. There is no deadline for awarding those scholarships, Harbaugh said.

All players expected to sign were evaluated and recruited by former coach Dave Roberts and his staff. Roberts left to become head coach at Northeast Louisiana on Jan. 20, but all of the assistants stayed at Western.

## Western stops Jacksonville's Brown, but loses 87-76

By ANDY DENNIS

Western went to Jacksonville with a game plan — stop junior Dee Brown from having a big scoring night.

The plan worked, but Western lost anyway.

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brown, who scored 31 points in the Dolphins' 98-93 double-overtime win in Diddle Arena Jan. 14, was held to eight points Saturday night.

But junior Chris Taylor drilled 24 points and senior Pat Laguerre bombed four three-pointers to

lead Jacksonville to an 87-76 win over the Toppers.

The Dolphins shot 62 percent from the field, raising their record to 10-9 overall and 4-3 in the Sun Belt Conference.

Western coach Murray Arnold tried a unique defense to stop Brown in the first eight minutes of the game.

"We played a special kind of four-man zone," Arnold said. "Anytime you do something like that, you have to gamble something to get something else. They just cashed in."

It was Laguerre who ruined the strategy of the zone defense in the first half with his three-point shooting.

Western then went to the man-

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When we went back to the man-to-man, they (Jacksonville) didn't get back into their rhythm.”

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Murray Arnold

to-man defense.

"You have to play the percentages," Arnold said. "It (the zone) helped us some, but Laguerre happened to light it up, and that

was a gamble we had to take.

"When we went back to the man-to-man, they (Jacksonville) didn't get back into their rhythm."

The loss overshadowed the defensive effort of senior Durey Cadwell, who blanketed Brown most of the game.

Senior guard Brett McNeal, who led Western with 24 points, agreed that Cadwell played Brown tightly.

"He did a good job of shutting (Brown) down," McNeal said. "But they really came out tonight and put it to us offensively."

With his four steals, McNeal passed former Topper Bobby Jones' school record of 134 career steals. McNeal now has 137.

But while McNeal was hot, the rest of the team was cold from everywhere, shooting 44.4 percent from the field and missing all five free throw attempts.

The Toppers never led in the contest, but played Jacksonville even for most of the first half until the Dolphins stretched out to a 14-point lead near the end of the half. The hosts led 49-37 at the halftime.

Western pulled to within six on several occasions during the second half, but after Brown hit his first basket of the game at the 9:45 mark, the Dolphins never let their advantage slip under eight points.

Even though Western lost,

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# Toppers see 'great swimmers'

By WILLIAM FARNSON

Western took second at the Saluki Invitational last weekend in Carbondale, Ill., despite swimming against a host of NCAA championship qualifiers from Southern Illinois and Indiana.

"It was tough," Western coach Bill Powell said. "Both SIU and Indiana are nationally ranked teams with a tremendous number of great swimmers."

Among the "great" swimmers at the meet was Saluki Sergio Lopez, who took the bronze medal for Spain in the Olympics last summer in Seoul, South Korea. Powell said.

"It was good for the kids to look at those Olympic swimmers, and to see that they are just like everyone else," Powell said. "They are just guys who are determined to be good."

The fact that Indiana didn't bring all of its swimmers and left before the finals on the third day helped the Toppers finish second. I think their Indiana coach

## SWIMMING

Doc Councilman was more concerned with the kind of times he could get for individual team members than the overall score," Mayfield senior David Pedley said.

Western's only conference rival at the meet, Western Illinois, took the meet as a joke, said Joe Welsh, a sophomore from Michigan City, Ind.

"We could tell that they (Western Illinois) weren't serious," Pedley said. "They were playing 'Nerf' baseball and pingpong against the wall when they weren't swimming."

"When it came time to swim they swam, but other than that their minds were just not in it," Pedley said.

Powell agreed that Western Illinois didn't swim well. "I think their coach was a little concerned I think it was a down year for them."

But, Powell warned, they have a good coach so they'll be back.

Western's swimmers "had three lifetime bests and four unshaved bests," Powell said. At the end of the season, team members will shave their arms and legs to reduce water drag and reduce their times.

Richard Rutherford, a freshman from Richland, Ind., had a lifetime best time of 17:11.62 in the 165-yard freestyle.

John Ierks, a freshman from Indianapolis, also achieved a personal best in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 22.48. Tom Vander Sloot, a freshman from Rockford, Mich., got a personal best in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:51.81.

Sunday morning, as the team was looking into their two university vans to go to breakfast, they discovered another "problem."

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### WOMEN'S STANDINGS

Conf. — Overall

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South Alabama	6-1	→ 12-5
UNC Charlotte	5-3	→ 12-7
Jacksonville	4-3	→ 10-9
Ala.-Birmingham	4-4	→ 12-7
Va. Commonwealth	4-4	→ 8-11
Old Dominion	4-5	→ 11-8
Western	3-5	→ 12-9
South Florida	1-6	→ 6-11

South Alabama	4-0	→ 14-7
Western	4-1	→ 13-7
Old Dominion	2-1	→ 14-4
South Florida	2-2	→ 10-8
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# Van Rensburg leaves Hilltoppers, country

By PAULA D. RUSH

When most students leave for the holidays, they come back especially if they have a reason.

Being the No. 1 runner on the women's track team normally would be a good enough reason.

But sophomore Gwen Van Rensburg, Western's top women's runner, didn't return from a visit to London over Christmas break. And she left without telling Coach Curtiss Long she wouldn't return.

"She gave no reason for leaving," Long said, "but I believe that it was a financial and personal choice."

Beth Millay, a Western graduate who ran with Van Rensburg, still keeps in contact with her even though they are an ocean apart.

Millay said Van Rensburg, 21, did have financial difficulties.

"She is hoping to get some money together by working to visit her parents in South Africa, where she is originally from," Millay said.

Millay said it was easier for Van Rensburg to find a job in London in her field, data processing.

Van Rensburg has not been home to visit her parents since she was 18, and Millay said homesickness probably kept Van Rensburg from returning to Bowling Green.

Van Rensburg had "the highest Western finish ever," Long said. She finished 10th overall in District 3 of the NCAA Southern region, in Greenville, S.C., on Nov. 12, 1988. She was the "best Western runner ever," he said. The barefoot runner finished first in four of seven meets while at Western.

Millay describes Van Rensburg as a runner with "excellent potential" by far the best female athlete Western ever had in cross-country and track.

Barry White, a member of the men's track team and a friend of Van Rensburg's, said no one on the team matches her ability because they are "not quite experienced enough to come close — she trains harder."

White also said he expects Van Rensburg to return in the fall.

"I think she will come back. She is leaving her options open and not going to make any commitments to anything right now."



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Runner Gwen Van Rensburg, shown here in a race at Kenakes Park in Bowling Green last year, left Western for Christmas break and didn't return.

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Tandrea Green and Alabama Birmingham's Gina Sutko face off in Western's 79-47 win Sunday. Green scored a team-high 23 points against the Lady Blazers.

## Western 'defense set the tone'

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We're ready to play."

"We're not overlooking either one of these teams," junior Tandrea Green said. "We owe both of them."

The Lady Toppers picked up early momentum after the clock was turned on by the Auburn-Birmingham game. Auburn's Brenda Arnold had 14 points and 11 rebounds.

Western's Lady Blazers led 14-12 at the first half. In turning the ball over early in the first half, they had possession. By the time each team had a scoring chance, they were behind a two-point deficit. They were behind a 16-14 deficit at the end of the first half. The Lady Blazers' defense set the tone.

Western's defense committed 17 turnovers in the first half. For the game, they had 27.

The Lady Toppers used UAB's 17 turnovers and their own 13 rebound steals to take a 17-20 halftime lead.

Lady Blazer guard Geraldine Handsome narrowed Western's lead to 14 after she hit a three-pointer and a layup to make the score 20-25.

For the game, the 5-7 senior had a game-high 26 points. But nobody else on UAB scored more

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the kind of player she could be," Sanderford said.

After Handsome's outburst, Western went on a 16-7 run and put the game out of reach.

Although Pehlke had 14 points, the real offensive leader was Green. The 6-0 forward scored a team-high 23 points, grabbed a season-high 13 rebounds, blocked four shots and handed out three assists.

"I think she [Green] was out-standing," Sanderford said. "She had as consistent and well played ballgame as she's played for me."

Sanderford also got good play from senior Brigitte Combs, who had 11 points and 11 rebounds, and junior Michelle Clark, who had 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Point guard Debbie O'Connell, who dished out five assists and had two steals, said the win over UAB should give the team a lift going into tonight's game against Middle Tennessee.

"We played hard," O'Connell said. "We definitely needed that win."

The Lady Toppers' winning streak has coincided with the inaction of Clark and O'Connell as the starting lineup.

"I've been going with the older players for stability," Sanderford said.

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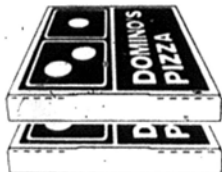


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## Director comfortable at Western

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from Bowling Green High School in 1962.

"Being away for 13 years, Bowling Green had changed," Bunch said of his return. "But it is my home, and I feel comfortable at Western."

Comfortable enough, Bunch said, to use the teaching certificate he gained at the University of Illinois to teach an introduction to the criminal justice system class at Western.

It Paul Joiner, who went to high school with Bunch, said if you want to get him excited, just ask him "what is the clearance of the parking structure?"

"Mr. Bunch was standing in the back of a truck taking down barricades in the parking structure, and not paying attention to the height of the clearance," Joiner said. "He got knocked out of the truck."

During grade school and high school, he was kidded about his given first name, Elmer.

And Bunch is a big fan of the song "Rock and Roll." "I still have a lot of 45's and have visited a lot of them," he said.

But as a professional law enforcement officer, Joiner said he is not kidding.

"I was a pretty hard core and expected you to do your job," said Steven Watson, a Bowling Green attorney who worked under Bunch in 1975 and 1976 as a student partner. "He was all



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After leaving the Champaign, Ill. police force in 1975, Bowling Green native Paul Bunch came home to become assistant director of Western's department of public safety. He became director in 1978.

## Personal touch offered at Draughon's Jr. College

By RENEE RAYBURN

While classes here bulge at their seams, students at Draughon's Junior College of Business are enjoying smaller classes with a more personable touch.

"I know all of the students by name," said Peggy White, director of the school that opened at Lovers Lane and Airway Drive in January.

The junior college offers business courses, such as accounting and computer programming. The school opened with 105 students. Average class size, White said, is 15 to 20 students.

About 80 students attended Bowling Green Junior College, which closed last semester after a \$250,000 debt prevented it from becoming reaccredited.

White blamed the school's fate on mismanagement but said Draughon's should avoid a similar destiny because it is an established chain. The first Draughon's college opened in Nashville 105 years ago.

Despite the presence of the 50-year university and community college in Bowling Green, there's still room for a third school, said Teresa Everett, director of financial aid at Draughon's.

"Everyone is not vocational or



Peggy White

four-year college bound," said Everett, a Western graduate. "Bowling Green is ready for a good junior college."

Marcella Phelps is majoring in medical assistance at Draughon's, which she attends "to better myself."

"All the students are enthusiastic that this place is going to succeed," Phelps said.

White said the junior college has a place because it can train students to succeed in work or at a four-year university.

"We are preparing our students for the world," White said, "whether that be more education or work."

But the family atmosphere Draughon's offers now may vanish soon.

After a series of recent promotions at area high schools, White said she expects a generous turnout in the fall. She predicted that 400 to 450 students would be enrolled within the next year.

"We're here," White said, "and we're here to stay."

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